

**Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Brockport was held in the Village Court Conference Room 49 State Street Brockport, New York, March 18, 2019 at 7:00pm.**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Margaret B. Blackman, Trustee Annette M. Crane, Trustee Shawn Halquist, Trustee Katherine J. Kristansen, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Erica L. Linden, Treasurer Daniel P. Hendricks, Public Works Superintendent Harry G. Donahue, Police Chief Mark T. Cuzzupoli, Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer Chad H. Fabry, Attorney Daniel J. Mastrella

**EXCUSED:** Trustee/Deputy Mayor John D. LaPierre, Village Clerk Leslie Ann Morelli

**ALSO PRESENT:** Village Historian William Andrews, Steve Wright, Susan Smith, Joan Hamlin, Nothnagle, Kathy Beaumont, Emma Chilson-Cline, Art Appleby, Bernie LoBracco, Sarah Hart, Marsha Booth, Joane Traber, Laura Burns, Lisa Colaprete, Fred Webster

**CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE:** Mayor Blackman called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MOMENT OF SILENCE:** to honor those who serve our Country, enforce our laws, & respond to emergencies

**BROCKPORT HISTORICAL MOMENT:** Village Historian William G. Andrews

Tonight's Historic Moment differs from all the others in that it reports on events that happened within the memory of many Brockporters, the urban renewal proposal of the middle 1960s.

The project began with a public meeting on December 18, 1963 attended by about 40 Brockporters at which "Mr. Bibby from the State Division of Housing" presented a preliminary survey of the village showing a possible site for an urban renewal project. He advocated "total demolition of all buildings" from Park Avenue to Queen Street and from the canal to the State-Erie Streets corridor, except the Strand Theater, the Methodist Church, and the Post Office. If the Methodists wished, their structure could be included. Structures west of Queen Street "that tend to have a depreciating effect on the surrounding real estate" would also be removed.

Bibby told the meeting that the Village Board had full authority to undertake the project after "several hearings" but "without a general referendum." All costs would be borne by the state and federal governments, except that the Village would be responsible for "not over \$146,000" that "might be reduced to zero" if the Village received funds from "the acquisition of real estate for the state college expansion."

Owners might buy back their cleared land, or it could be "offered to others, including commercial land developers." "A show of hands at the end of the meeting indicated that the group present" favored further exploration of the proposal.

Another state official met with the Village Board in January 1964 and reported that they could expect no funds from the college expansion. He added to the project "all the land between Clinton St. and the canal as far west as the Smith St. bridge." The project would cover 22.85 acres and include 106 business structures of which 78 were said to have "deficiencies", including 48 that were "substandard." Of the 75 dwelling units in the area, 55 were "deficient." The estimated cost was \$2,435,777.

The Board authorized an application for funding for a "preliminary survey" and to hire an "experienced director." In March, the Board explained the process of carrying out the project. It reassured Brockporters that Urban Renewal would not "be forced on the People of Brockport without their having a voice in it."

Mayor George Hamil was seen as the main supporter of the proposal with Trustee George Marks's active support and the "passive" acquiescence of Trustees Willis Knapp and Ellery Cooney. Trustee Don Rogers's position was seen as a mystery. In the March 1964 elections, incumbents Knapp and Cooney were defeated by Mrs. Thomas Kaznowski and Edward Grygiel. She was the first woman ever to have run for a trusteeship. The winners "stressed that the voters should be well informed on urban renewal and that it should be submitted to a referendum," but were widely believed to oppose the project.

To pave the way for the project, the Village Board requested the state legislature to adopt a law authorizing the village to set up an urban renewal agency. However, before the legislature acted on that request, candidates opposed to the project were elected to the Board in the March 1965 elections. Frank L. Sacheli (491 votes) defeated George Hamil (431) and Joseph Keable (517) and Eugene Young (490) beat incumbent Marks (447) and Harold Ehmann (401). After the election, the State Assembly passed the enabling bill, but the new Village Board voted 3-2 to rescind the message requesting the bill and "decide at a later date whether to request the bill next year." The newly elected members favored the resolution. Kaznowski and Grygiel opposed it. Everyone talked as though the project would continue to be studied. None of the elected officials opposed it openly.

In March 1967, Mayor Sacheli proposed a much more modest Urban Renewal project. It would provide downtown parking, beautify the canal area, and rehabilitate some of the downtown area. After an executive session, the Board announced that "it had decided against seeking urban renewal funds at this time." That was the end of urban renewal for Brockport.

**MISSION STATEMENT:** "To provide a high quality of life for all residents, exercising fiscal responsibility and preserving Brockport's unique heritage and historic character."

**OATH OF OFFICE:** (ceremonial) none

**CERTIFICATES & PROCLAMATIONS:**

-Arbor Day proclamation – 4/26/19 – Tree Board

**VILLAGE OF BROCKPORT  
PROCLAMATION**

*WHEREAS, natural areas, trees, and landscapes provide not only community beautification but also economic and environmental benefits; and*

*WHEREAS, trees provide many benefits to the community, including air purification, windbreaks, noise reduction, shade and energy savings; and*

*WHEREAS, planting trees and maintaining older trees provides an opportunity for community interaction, volunteerism, economic development, and environmental conservation; and*

*WHEREAS, our efforts to improve the environment benefit present and future generations; and*

*WHEREAS, Arbor Day in the Village of Brockport is held each April;*

*BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, I, Margaret B. Blackman, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor, and on behalf of the Village Board, do hereby tender this proclamation on March 18, 2019, and do hereby proclaim Friday, April 26, 2019 as Arbor Day in the Village of Brockport and encourage all our citizens to participate in appropriate activities and to take advantage of the benefits of the parks and other natural areas in our community.*

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have here unto set our hands and caused the Corporate Seal of the Village of Brockport to be affixed this 18th day of March, in the year 2019.*

-CROP Walk proclamation – 5/5/19 – Art Appleby & Bill Noel to accept

**VILLAGE OF BROCKPORT  
PROCLAMATION**

*WHEREAS, on Sunday afternoon, May 5th many area residents will "Walk with the World" in the 37<sup>th</sup> Annual CROP WALK in Brockport; and*

*WHEREAS, this is done to help provide seeds, tools, water resources, vocational and literacy training and other self-help skills needed overseas through Church World Service; and*

*WHEREAS; women, men and children throughout the world must walk long distances every day to get water, food and shelter in order to survive; and*

*WHEREAS; twenty-five percent of CROP WALK funds raised will assist hungry people right in our own area through the Brockport Food Shelf; and*

*WHEREAS; there have been 36 walks between 1983 and 2018, which have raised the total of over \$287,284 of which more than \$71,821 (25%) has stayed in Brockport; and*

*WHEREAS; there continues to be a growing number of people who need assistance at our local food pantry and a need for education regarding poverty and hunger in the world;*

*BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, I, Margaret B. Blackman, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor, and on behalf of the Village Board, do hereby tender this proclamation and do hereby proclaim Sunday, May 5, 2019 as CROP WALK day in the Village of Brockport and encourage all our citizens to "Walk With the World" by walking, sponsoring a walker or making a gift to "CROP".*

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have here unto set our hands and caused the Corporate Seal of the Village of Brockport to be affixed this 18th day of March, in the year 2019.*

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

- Proposed Local Law of 2019 to amend Village Code Chapter 5: Animals (related to cats & chickens) –

→ At 7:12pm, Mayor Blackman moved, Trustee Kristansen seconded, carried 4/0 to close the meeting and open the public hearing regarding the following:

Mayor Blackman referred to the following notice that was published in Suburban News, posted on the Village website and at Village Hall. Mayor Blackman also referred to the guidelines for public comment on the back of the agenda.

**VILLAGE OF BROCKPORT  
Notice of Public Hearing**

Please take notice that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Brockport will hold a **public hearing beginning at 7:00 pm on Monday, March 18, 2019** at the Village Court conference room 49 State Street, Brockport, NY 14420 to consider proposed Local Law of 2019 to amend Brockport Village Code Chapter 5: Animals.

The proposed amendments relate to cats and chickens.

Text of the proposed local law is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the Village Clerk's office and is on the Village website at [www.brockportny.org](http://www.brockportny.org).

All interested parties will be given the opportunity to be heard.

By Order of the Brockport Village Board

Leslie Ann Morelli  
Brockport Village Clerk

Dated: 2/5/19

For publication in Suburban News and posting on Village website and at Village Hall.

Mayor Blackman said what you are seeing is not the final piece, we may not adopt anything tonight, there may be changes. We have talked locally with those involved in TNVR cats, we looked at other laws from primarily Buffalo and North Tonawanda, I spoke with Kathy Beaumont and her experience in the past about her role as dog, and for a time, cat, warden.

**Public Comment on proposed feral cat amendment:**

Steve Wright of Victory Drive – I am around the corner from Frazier St. we have a feral cat that we have at our house that we brought up, it is a wonderful cat. There are a few other cats like that in our neighborhood that are tame, and others that are truly feral. My concern is this is the time of year when cats have kittens, it is difficult to take care of cats like that. If someone moves away or drops off a cat, that may contribute to their population, isn't because people who live there aren't caring for their cats. My question is what do other towns do and what ideas do we have to do this?

Mayor Blackman – we did look at other communities and what they do. We are interested in recognizing TNVR because it gets these cats vaccinated against rabies etc., but it also sterilizes them. There are articles that show TVNR cuts down on the population over time. Once a cat is feral it remains feral so returning it is the best option.

We met with Dr. Carolyn Orr, a local veterinarian, I sent a letter to Dr. Orr as well as the Brockport Animal Hospital and the Clarkson veterinarian hospitals asking if they could help with the TVNR effort. Currently, volunteers take the cats they trap to Rochester or to Batavia, at their own expense, to sterilize and vaccinate. We did not hear from two of the vets but did hear from Dr. Orr, she is not in favor of this program.

BICEO Fabry added because there is almost no good way to do these programs, education is the best thing, educate the community about what happens when you feed these cats, and if there are kittens, if you get it before 6 weeks then it can be domesticated, but at the ten week mark it will be feral for life. No matter what, it would be challenging to regulate this. I think the point of the legislation is to make it not illegal for the people who are doing TNR and to educate the public. Without human intervention, this wouldn't be a problem. According to New York Ag and Market law, if you feed a cat, it is your cat, it is your responsibility to take it to the vet, vaccinate it, etc.

Mayor Blackman noted the other side of the argument, from a presentation from the Association of

Towns. I had a discussion with Supervisor Kevin Johnson. TVNR is not the way to go, it said all cats need to be licensed. That means a cat warden. You would need a shelter, a place to take these cats, the parameters of that legislation were not realistic. I think what we have here so far is somewhat problematic. We don't need a cat warden. My personal feeling is that the old part of the law needs to come out, we need to recognize that TVNR is happening, and we need to educate the public.

Lisa Colaprete of West Ave – I like the feral cats, they keep the rodent population down, which keeps disease down. I have no problem with them.

Mayor Blackman mentioned the Board did have something that was turned into us, a suggestion for our legislation, put out by the University Buffalo School of Law, I think as we look at tweaking this, that this recommendation would be good to look at as well.

**Public Comment on proposed chicken amendment:**

Lisa Colaprete – I have a problem with the word chicken. I think it should be the word fowl. You can use the word hen or female of the species, and then you could have chickens, ducks, or pheasants, and you could butcher them and have a variety of meat in your freezer. Fowl is usually defined as an edible, flying bird.

Mayor Blackman asked, what about pigeons?

L. Colaprete - Pigeons are awesome and taste great. If it is a limit of six I have no problem with it being an edible fowl. That is my only suggestion on Chapter 5, Article 4.

Attorney Mastrella explained our code now restricts the keeping of farm animals, it doesn't refer to fowl, it just says farm animal. A couple of years ago someone was issued a house violation and an appearance ticket for harboring chickens, and they came into court and said under these definitions, chickens were not included. I think if what you want to allow is chickens, then you should call it chickens, instead of extending the definition.

Sarah Hart of Adams Street - I am excited about the idea of chickens. I think it is great we are considering it. If you read about the Humane Slaughter Act of the United States it covers all animals except fowl, they do use the term fowl, which is one of the reasons that I am so interested in keeping these animals myself instead of a dog. Taking care of animal that services me because they are not taken care of in the factory world. I don't have a problem with the word fowl. We can use them for pesticide reduction, to make soil in your backyard, I am just reiterating the many, many positives. Chickens are incredible environmental animals and are good for people. If we can do dogs, we can do fowl. They are easier and beneficial. I feel very invested in the project.

Mayor Blackman said, "you were very involved in getting the petition going to get this moving, so thank you, Sarah."

Marsha Booth of Clark Street - I agree with what my sister said. If people can have dogs and cats, they should be able to have chickens. You cannot hear them, but I can hear all the dogs. I think there are more negative externalities with other animals. I was involved with getting the signatures on the petitions with my sister and others in the group, there was an overwhelming support for it. I think it is a good thing.

Mayor Blackman said I think this is going to happen. I have some specific suggestions. One of the things I think is important, which is not an attempt to financially prop up the code department, I think there should be a permit. If you want chickens, you need to register at the code office so we know how many chickens are in the village, receive a permit, have an opportunity to talk to the code enforcement officer and make sure you are complying with the codes in terms of how you are dealing with your chickens.

Trustee Kristansen mentioned perhaps a fee similar to a dog license.

Mayor Blackman commented the fee would be modest. The fee will not be in the code, it will be in our annual fee schedule.

Mayor Blackman continued, all premises where chickens are kept should be subject to inspection, which I have seen in other codes, make sure your chicken coop is not falling down; if someone complains, we can come by. I think this would be useful to have. I also think it should say that all chickens should be confined to the property. We need to decide on a number of feet from the dwelling, I have seen 25 ft in several codes.

BICEO Fabry replied, speaking to the number of feet from the dwelling, we need to keep in mind that some of the yards are only 25 ft deep. And then we have a setback regulation as well, so you need to

figure that into it.

Mayor Blackman agreed.

Lisa Colaprete – I have a question about your amendment to it, if you have the right to trespass on private property at any time without notice, to check on chickens, are you going to do that with the cats? Do you do it with dogs?

BICEO Fabry replied, I think that statement was a little too inclusive, the Constitution would prohibit us from doing that.

Mayor Blackman responded, I just read that in other codes, I didn't intend that.

Sarah Hart responded, to the part about if people make complaints. I am surrounded by barking dogs. That has to be incredibly inhumane to keep them barking. If I put out a noise collector for 24 hours I would have 5 hours of barking. So that is okay for dogs but if chickens make noise that isn't okay.

Mayor Blackman explained it isn't just about chickens making noise, it is about if anybody complains in terms of noise or property maintenance or dogs, or whatever, we have the right to investigate. It does apply to dogs as well.

Trustee Kristansen commented I had a barking dog situation and I have done something about it, have gotten results. You have to call the dog warden and it gets taken care of.

Sarah Hart replied, I am saying that because that is what we have done.

Kathy Beaumont, responding from the audience, I am the dog warden. You have to call me, if you don't call me, I don't know. I will go out and take care of it.

Mayor Blackman recapped the discussion on cats for a new member of the audience with interest in the cat amendment proposed. She stated, we are not going to pass anything tonight on either one of these amendments to our codes, when there are public comments and revisions, the Village Board has to sit with any revisions for 7-10 days. What I would like to do, if there are no more comments, is to call for a continuation of this hearing on April 15<sup>th</sup>. Before which we will make available the revisions to these two parts to Chapter 5. You will have a chance to review them and make comments again, after which time hopefully we will vote on these changes.

→ Trustee Crane moved, Trustee Kristansen seconded, carried 4/0 to continue the public hearing on April 15<sup>th</sup> and reopen the regular meeting.

Mayor Blackman shared that there will be a free chicken seminar at the Henrietta Country Max store at 6 pm on March 21.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** none

**GUESTS:**

- SUNY College at Brockport – Ryan Giglia & Meghan Perry – street closure application – 4/27/19

Mayor Blackman noted the scheduled guests, Ryan Giglia and Meghan Perry could not attend regarding street closure application. Mayor Blackman explained the application involves Eagle Day at the College. There is no sidewalk in that area. This is a huge event, it draws about 2,500 people.

→ Trustee Kristansen moved, Trustee Halquist seconded, carried 4/0 to approve the College's request to close the road from Kenyon Street at Newman to Lot T in Tuttle on April 27<sup>th</sup> from 11am to 4pm.

**CONSENSUS ITEMS:**

- **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

→ Trustee Crane moved, Trustee Halquist seconded, carried 4/0 that the minutes of the 3/4/19 meeting be approved as written.

- **APPROVAL OF BILLS TO BE PAID:**

→ Trustee Kristansen moved, Trustee Crane seconded, carried 4/0 that the bills be allowed and paid upon audit.

A/P Clearing Account

Abstract      Date      Amount

FUND (A): <u>General</u>	3/8/19	\$114,428.36
FUND (F): <u>Water</u>	3/8/19	\$86,736.68
FUND (G): <u>Sewer</u>	3/8/19	\$579.94
FUND (H): <u>Capital</u>	-	-
FUND (T): <u>Trust &amp; Agency</u>	-	-
		\$201,744.98 total

**CLERK REPORT:** Clerk – Leslie Ann Morelli (Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Erica L. Linden to sub)  
 o Canal Clean Sweep – Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Linden mentioned that Canal Clean Sweep will take place Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 1pm at the Welcome Center or Commissary Park, with an Earth Day celebration at Corbett Park from 1:30 to 3:30pm.

- o Any sidewalk café permit applications submitted thus far for 2019 season (4/1-10/31) –

To: Past or Potential Sidewalk Café Permit Holders  
 From: Leslie Ann Morelli, Village Clerk  
 Date: March 8, 2019  
 Re: 2019 Sidewalk Café Permit Season – April 1<sup>st</sup> – October 31<sup>st</sup>

Spring is around the corner, and April 1<sup>st</sup>, the start of sidewalk café season, will be here soon. Enclosed is Village Code §58-11F (also available from the Village website), a sidewalk café permit application form and a self-addressed envelope for your convenience.

If you wish to have a sidewalk café this year, drop off to Brockport Village Hall at 127 Main Street your completed application and \$200 check payable to the Village of Brockport. Be sure to have your insurance agent email or mail to my attention a certificate of insurance for Commercial General Liability with limits of not less than \$1,000,000 combined single limit per Occurrence and \$1,000,000 Aggregate with endorsement naming the Village of Brockport as additional insureds.

Once these 3 pieces are received, your application will be considered complete and will be scheduled on a Village Board meeting agenda. Your attendance at the meeting is *not* required unless you are a new applicant. Sidewalk café permits are not issued until after Village Board approval.

Please remember that when locating tables and chairs, they must be on the concrete and against only your storefront. Placement on the brick or against the curb will not be allowed. This may limit you to 2 tables with 4 chairs each – depending on the width of your storefront.

If there are no code violations, the Village will reimburse \$150 of the \$200 fee after November 1<sup>st</sup>.

Thank you.

Note: no applications yet received.

- o 2019 United Way campaign –

March 2019

Dear Village of Brockport Employee:

United Way kicked off their 2019 campaign – celebrating 101 years! Thank you to those who participated in past campaigns. Each year we work toward increasing the Village of Brockport's participation. **A mere \$1.00 per paycheck, totaling \$26 per year, will have very little effect on our lives. However, it can make a tremendous difference to the life of a community member in need.**

We are, therefore, respectfully requesting that each employee consider participating in the United Way campaign through the Village of Brockport, realizing this may be in addition to other giving you may do throughout the year. If you choose payroll deduction, it would be for 6/1/19 through 5/31/20 fiscal year. If you choose a one-time donation, you would attach a check to the completed pledge form.

The donor option form allows each of us to choose an organization to funnel our donation to. Simply review all the options on the donor option form, select the ID number for the organization you wish your money to be funneled to and indicate the name of the respective organization and their ID number for that organization on the pledge form.

We hope you can commit a small donation to an organization of your choice. **Attached is a pledge form and a donor option form for you to review, complete and return to any of us by April 15<sup>th</sup>.**

Thank you.

Respectfully,

Leslie Ann Morelli, Village Clerk  
Harry G. Donahue, DPW Superintendent  
Chad H. Fabry, Code Enforcement Officer

Daniel P. Hendricks, Village Treasurer  
Mark T. Cuzzupoli, Police Chief  
Carl S. Gouveia, Library Director

o Donation thanks – Trustee Crane's husband, Dr. David Newman, was kind enough to once again donate some unused office supplies to the Village. Clerk Morelli sent him the following thank you letter:

March 12, 2019

Dear Dr. Newman:

Thank you for donating a file cabinet and safe to the Village of Brockport from the closure of your Evergreen Family Medicine practice at 4079 Lake Road. They will be put to good use at the Brockport Police Department.

Please let this letter serve as confirmation of such donation for use in filing your taxes. The estimated value is approximately \$400. Thanks again and best of luck in your future endeavors.

Sincerely,  
Leslie Ann Morelli  
Brockport Village Clerk

• **DEPARTMENT REPORTS:** (VB meeting the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month)

o Treasurer – Daniel P. Hendricks

▪ Financial reports for period ending 2/28/19 – Treasurer Hendricks referred to the report included in the packet.

Treasurer Hendricks remarked the financial reports are in front of you, no transfers or amendments this month, everything is on track. As you may have heard from an article in the news about the County Clerk and mortgage tax, we will get a little bit of money from that disclosure. The City of Rochester got more than they should have. It will be a couple thousand. Nothing of any concern in our reports.

Mayor Blackman questioned a category at the bottom of page one, under unclassified – \$10,000 is listed. What is that?

Treasurer Hendricks answered, it is a small amount of money and it is for anything that we cannot determine a category for, we put it there.

- 6/1/19-5/31/20 proposed budget – call for 7pm 4/1/19 public hearing –

Treasurer Hendricks commented on the proposed budget, we've don't just a little bit of tweaking, updating the budget lines. The State Comptroller released a stress report for municipalities. A bit confusing. If you have no concern then you receive a "no designation" but if you have items of concern, then you are designated as having an environmental or fiscal stress designation. We regularly get a "no designation" which we got again, which is the best rating you can get. We also received notice regarding the property tax cap, if this budget goes as proposed, we would have a carry over. We are 10k below the cap. If you needed it in the future, you could levy it. I am not recommending it at this time. I will be preparing for the April 1<sup>st</sup> budget hearing.

→ Trustee Kristansen moved, Trustee Crane seconded, carried 4/0 to hold a public hearing on the 6/1/19-5/31/20 proposed budget on April 1<sup>st</sup>.

**VILLAGE OF BROCKPORT  
NOTICE OF TENTATIVE BUDGET FILING  
& PUBLIC HEARING**

Please take notice that on behalf of the Mayor, the Treasurer of the Village of Brockport filed with the Village Clerk the Tentative Budget of said Village for the fiscal year beginning June 1, 2019. It is available from the Village website at [www.brockportny.org](http://www.brockportny.org) or for review at Village Hall during normal business hours.

The tentative budget includes:

Projected General Fund revenues & expenditures: \$5,959,119

Compensation proposed to be paid elected officials as follows:

Mayor \$10,707/ year (+307 change from last year) & Trustees (4) at \$4,161 /year (+ \$144 change from last year)



This is 3<sup>rd</sup> of 4-year adjustment to restore compensation to 2008-2009 level.

Village Justice (2) at \$16,154/year (+2.5% change from last year)

Proposed tax rate: \$11.50/1,000 of assessed valuation (- 5.76% change from last year) (under tax cap)

Projected Water Fund revenues & expenditures: \$1,411,290

Proposed water rates (+ \$0.24 per 1,000 gallons since last increase, March 2017, +4.9% rate increase.

Projected Sewer Fund revenues & expenditures: \$150,722

Proposed sewer rates (No change from last year)

The Village Treasurer will present the proposed budget and the Village Board will hear comments at a public hearing at **7:00pm on Monday, April 1, 2019 at Village Court 49 State Street Brockport, NY 14420**. All interested parties will be given the opportunity to be heard.

Leslie Ann Morelli  
Brockport Village Clerk

Dated: 3/19/19

For publication in Suburban News and posting on Village website and at Village Hall.

- o Building / Zoning / Code Enforcement – BI/CEO Chad H. Fabry
  - BI/CEO Fabry shared the following:

BICEO Fabry reported, we are almost 100% caught up, we now have virtually no back log from when I originally took over. I have been inspecting 6-10 places a day. I attended the marijuana conference with Chief Cuzzupoli. I was hoping to get valuable information regarding zoning and how to blend it into the community. The conference had a lot of anecdotal points of view, versus factual information. There are a lot of flaws with the currently proposed legislation.

Further discussion of the conference and of NYCOM information regarding the possible legalization of marijuana in New York ensued. Trustee Crane and Mayor Blackman noted legalization was not in either assembly budget, and that New York will deal with the topic separately.

Trustee Crane extended congratulations to BICEO Fabry for being caught up and complimented him on the new window in the office with the counter for rolling out maps and plans. Mayor Blackman follow-up with a "hats off" compliment to DPW for executing those changes in a day in a half, they did a great job.

- o Police – Police Chief Mark T. Cuzzupoli
  - Chief Cuzzupoli shared the following:

Chief Cuzzupoli said, regarding the marijuana conference, I'm hearing there are a lot of counties down state that will opt out, without even knowing how the specifics will work. I attended a meeting with County Executive Cheryl Dinolfo, she asked local chiefs what our concerns would be. Monroe County hasn't issued a position. As far as Brock is concerned, he is trained in tracking, narcotics and personal protection. If he smells marijuana or heroin, his reaction is the same. It will depend on how the law is written and the case law that will unfold, how this will work. Some canine units will become obsolete. Other than money, I didn't hear one person name a benefit, other than money, by legalizing it.

Ray Duncan, several meetings ago, expressed concern about the speed on Main Street coming from the Town of Sweden going north. Shawn Lessord is going to install a speed sentry sign when you enter the village, probably at the beginning of April. The new vehicles have a new look. There might be some confusion – two the police cars were budgeted last year, are now finished and in service. One of the cars was crashed, it takes about a year to replace. There are two marked vehicles and one unmarked vehicle. I haven't heard any negative comments.

Trustee Crane replied, I heard that you are trying to be sneaky because it is harder to see these cars.

Chief Cuzzupoli responded, people complain if you write the tickets or if you don't write the tickets. We have had some targeted enforcement in the Utica, Chappell area. The number of tickets has gone up a lot in that area. In some areas, the car would stick out, but in general it is harder to see a grey car.

- o Public Works – Superintendent Harry G. Donahue
  - Spt. Donahue shared the following:

Superintendent Harry Donahue announced the semiannual water flushing of the hydrants and the spring brush pick up has been scheduled. We have been picking up small piles of brush as time and



help permitted, due to all the wind storms we had, getting a jump start on the brush. We will also pick up the leaves that were not able to get to out during the pickup. A truck is available overnight to residents to load large brush as well.

I traveled to Albany on March 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> with 600 other superintendents for Advocacy Day – the Senate added \$100 million to their CHIPS based funding, we are hopeful to see that go up. \$65 million was added to the Senate budget for extreme winter recovery, a two-year program, (which equates to just under 10k for us. Not a lot but every bit helps.) This was not in the governor's budget, but we are hoping the funding will be reinstated. Pave NY also has \$100 million in the proposed budget.

DPW Clerk Carol McNees has agreed, with her church, to again do a dock building day on April 13<sup>th</sup>, I will recruit some of the DPW workers to help. Anyone from the board or the public is welcome to join us.

Mayor Blackman noted the Canal Corporation notified us that sometime between April 29 and May 1 the canal will be filled. This will give us a good window of time to get the dock in.

- Spring Water Main Flushing –

**NOTICE TO BROCKPORT RESIDENTS**  
**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that WATER MAIN FLUSHING in the**  
**Village of Brockport will take place April 15-18, 2019.**

As part of our routine maintenance of the water distribution system in the Village, Department of Public Works crews will be flushing water mains on **April 15-18, 2019**. We do this periodically to clean the mains and flush out sediment accumulations that may settle out in the mains. The flushing will ensure that you have a safe and healthy supply of drinking water.

Flushing operations will be conducted between 9:00 A.M. and 1:00 P.M. in the following locations on the date indicated:

**Monday, April 15, 2019:**  
NORTH of the canal.

All hydrants, WEST  
of North Main Street (NYS Route 19)

**Tuesday, April 16, 2019:**  
NORTH of the canal.

All hydrants EAST of North Main Street.

**Wednesday, April 17, 2019:**  
SOUTH of the canal

All hydrants EAST of Main Street

**Thursday, April 18, 2019:**  
SOUTH of canal

All hydrants WEST of Main Street.

During flushing you may see some cloudiness or color in the water. Please do not use any unnecessary water during this period. The flushing may cause the water to become "cloudy" or "discolored". While the water will be safe to drink, we suggest that you do not wash clothes if you notice the water is discolored. **ANYONE ON A KIDNEY DIALYSIS MACHINE, PLEASE CALL THE SUPERINTENDENTS OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW!**

If you have any questions, please call the Department of Public Works at (585) 637-1060 between 7:00 AM and 3:30 PM.

- Spring Brush Pickup -

**Village of Brockport**  
**Spring Brush Pickup Notice 2019**

The Department of Public Works will be conducting **BRUSH ONLY** pickups. *Beginning* Monday April 22, 2019, the DPW will be picking up **BRUSH ONLY**. This service is being provided to village residence to alleviate brush at curbside during summer months.

**There will be only 1 pass down each street and a maximum of 1 truck load of brush per residence. DO NOT PLACE BRUSH AT CURBSIDE UNTIL THE SATURDAY OR SUNDAY BEFORE THE ABOVE NOTED DATE.**

As in past years, we will continue our policy of leaving a small dump truck overnight for those who wish to load their own. Anyone wishing to use this service must call the DPW office to schedule to have a truck dropped off.

For items *other than brush* you should contact your refuse hauler.

Wood chips are available to Village residents for pickup at the 275 East Ave location.

Any questions may be directed to the DPW Office at 637-1060 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 3:30 pm, Monday - Friday or the Village Office at 637-5300 between the hours of 8:30am and 4:30pm, Monday- Friday.

Harry Donahue  
Superintendent of Public Works  
Village of Brockport

- o Village Attorney – Daniel J. Mastrella, Esq.

**PERSONNEL ITEMS:** none

- **OLD or NEW BUSINESS:**
  - o Welcome Center – act on proposal as to re-organization of Welcome Center Management –

Mayor Blackman said Susan Smith, who is a member of the Welcome Center Management Committee came to our workshop in February to propose a reorganization of the Welcome center management which would bring it from a totally volunteer committee to one which, like other Village boards and committees, answers to the Village Board and is appointed by same. As outlined in the proposal included in the packet, the reorganization gives the committee—advisory board— more structure and more responsibilities. Members would be appointed by the Village Board and the advisory board would be headed by a director and assistant director. Following the model of the Farmers market management, those two positions would carry with them a small stipend. Advisory board members, director and asst director, like the current management committee and the volunteer greeters would not be required to be village residents.

Bill Andrews, a 14-year member of the Welcome Center Management committee, surveyed the volunteer greeters and other members of the management committee re this change. Their responses have been shared with the VB and are about equally divided between those who want to leave things as they are and those who welcome tighter organization.

Notice for director and assistant director - note preference for appointing current management committee with staggered terms, all to be done when director and assistant director are selected.

→ Mayor Blackman moved, Trustee Kristansen seconded to accept the proposed organizational chart for the Brockport Welcome Center as follows and to authorize notice for Director and Assistant Director.

Discussion:

Bill Andrews addressed the board on behalf of the Canal Front Management Committee, who recommends that the Board accept Susan Smith's recommended changes, with the following exceptions:

- 1) That there be no paid management positions;
- 2) That the proposed fiscal accounting changes not be accepted;
- 3) That the proposed changes to the physical plant not be accepted;
- 4) That the proposed uniform set fee for boaters not be accepted;
- 5) Recommends that the village board work with the Welcome Center Management Committee to revise and implement appropriate management procedures;

Mayor Blackman confirmed that the committee is not in favor of taking credit cards.

Bill said there is concern over the signs proposed for the water front telling boaters to come to the welcome center to sign in, we don't need or want signs. Greeters go down and meet each boat as it comes in and gives them the necessary information.

We don't want a set fee. Large boat owners can afford to pay a large fee than owners of the small boats.

Mayor Blackman replied, I don't think some of those things are in this proposal. But some of those things are items that could be debated. These items were part of a presentation by an intern, but we are discussing the structural change to the Welcome Center management. These are good to know going forward. Thank you for meeting with the committee.

Trustee Kristansen said I have concerns that if the advisory board is this negative, how are these people going to work together?

Mayor Blackman replied, we haven't talked about the appointment of the advisory board. Staggered terms, with the current members of the board, on the newly created advisory board. We don't want to alienate them, and we want to take advantage of their institutional knowledge. Presumably, with good leadership, it could work.

Trustee Kristansen said, I am concerned they will be doomed before they start with a board that is willing to go with the proposal but is not willing to go with any of the changes that the research shows us needs to be done.

Mayor Blackman shared that Bill Andrews has already submitted his letter of resignation from the board. After 14 years, he felt he served long enough. He will continue to volunteer at the Welcome Center. Another point is that other members of the committee have not fulfilled the requirements of the advisory board such as coming to meetings, serving as a greeter, and serving as a substitute greeter as necessary. These terms will be laid out. There may be a natural attrition.

Trustee Kristansen said, I do not want to see anyone kicked off the board, but I would like to see a group of people who are going to take the proposal and give it a go.

Trustee Crane noted all the things that advisory board was not in favor of are things the advisory board would decide on, except for the pay issue for the director and assistant director of the center.

Trustee Halquist asked, are there other things under the auspices of the Village Board that this can be compared to?

Mayor Blackman responded, not really, the Farmers Market only has two people.

Susan Smith explained, the proposed changes are to bring the Welcome Center under the control of the Village Board. And specifically, the second item talked about by the current management committee, that the proposed financial system not be adopted, the Village Board is fiscally responsible, so essentially it is yours to decide.

An advisory board would meet with the director and assistant director, and the village board liaison would be a part of those meetings. If there are difficulties coming to a consensus, then it should go to the village board.

Mayor Blackman noted that Deputy Mayor/Trustee John LaPierre has been acting informally as the liaison to the Welcome Center and would like to officially be the liaison to the Welcome Center.

Susan Smith commented that she has been working very closely with Deputy Mayor/Trustee LaPierre on the entire proposal. This is not something I've cooked up on my own.

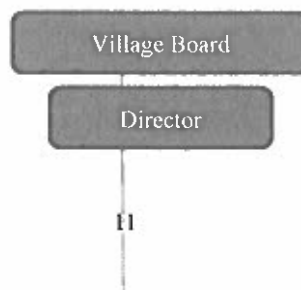
Mayor Blackman continued, let me say something about the stipend. I talked with Dan about this and suggested it be more than the stipend for the Farmers Market because the Welcome Center director and assistant director would be working all year long except for Nov-Dec. Given the scope of job duties enumerated, I suggested \$2,000 for the director and \$1,000 for the assistant director. Obviously, Susan will apply for this position but the appropriate thing to do is to advertise this position, so anyone could apply for it and it will also get the word out that we are reorganizing.

The iPad has already been ordered and it's going to happen, greeters will be trained to use it, with the square, to accept payments.

Mayor Blackman requested a roll call vote.

→ Mayor Blackman moved, Trustee Kristansen seconded, carried 4/0 via roll call to accept the proposed organizational chart for the Brockport Welcome Center as follows and to authorize notice for Director and Assistant Director as follows:

#### Proposed Organizational Chart for Brockport Welcome Center






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**Proposed Organization for the Brockport Welcome Center**

- I. VILLAGE BOARD
  - a. Oversees all aspects of the organization of the Brockport Welcome Center
  
- II. DIRECTOR
  - a. The Brockport Welcome Center Director must have submitted a Village of Brockport Position Interest Form to the Village Clerk.
  - b. The Director is appointed by the Village Board.
  - c. The Director is not limited to residency in the Village of Brockport.
  - d. The Director is a member of the Advisory Board.
  - e. The Director has no term limits and is appointed annually by the Village Board.
  
- III. ASSISTANT DIRECTOR
  - a. The Brockport Welcome Center Assistant Director must have submitted a Village of Brockport Position Interest Form to the Village Clerk.
  - b. The Assistant Director is appointed by the Village Board.
  - c. The Assistant Director is not limited to residency in the Village of Brockport.
  - d. The Assistant Director is a member of the Advisory Board.
  - e. The Director has no term limits and is appointed annually by the Village Board.
  
- IV. ADVISORY BOARD
  - a. **Membership Requirements:**
    - i. The Brockport Welcome Center Advisory Board is comprised of individuals who have submitted a Village of Brockport Position Interest Form to the Village Clerk and been appointed by the Village Board.
    - ii. The Brockport Welcome Center Advisory Board is not limited to residents of the Village of Brockport.
    - iii. Terms are staggered from 1 to 3 years, except the Director and Assistant Director, which are appointed annually. Each term is for 3 years. There are no term limits.
    - iv. The Advisory Board consists of at least 5 and no more than 7 voting members, including the Director and Assistant Director.
    - v. Any Advisory Board member who is absent from 3 meetings in one year without good cause shall be considered to have resigned from the Advisory Board and its committees. Good cause is any reason for which absence is excused by the Chairperson. If a member chooses no longer to serve, he/she shall send a letter to inform the Village Clerk, who will forward it to the Village Board for action. The Village Board shall appoint another member to the vacancy.
    - vi. All Advisory Board members must take a regular shift, be available to substitute and be on the after-hours call list that is posted at the Brockport Welcome Center.
    - vii. A member of the Village Board serves as a liaison to the Advisory Board and is a non-voting member.
  - b. **Meeting Process:**
    - i. Regular meetings are conducted on a monthly basis, except for November and December.
    - ii. Special Meetings can be called by the Director or Assistant Director.
    - iii. All meetings are documented with meeting minutes which are distributed to members of the Advisory Board via email and filed with the Village Clerk and posted on the Village website.
    - iv. Motions are carried by means of a simple majority of the Advisory Board members who are in attendance. Advisory Board members must be in attendance to vote. A quorum must be established to hold the meeting.

V. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

i. Director

1. Reports directly to the Village Board.
2. Works with the Village Board Liaison.
3. Member and chair of the Advisory Board.
4. Works directly with the Treasurer and Deputy Clerk-Treasurer regarding all financial deposits, receipts and exchange of cash.
5. Monitors the Brockport Welcome Center records and reports to Village Board and Advisory Board.
6. Planning, directing and overseeing the operations of the Brockport Welcome Center. (including supplies, repairs, troubleshooting and resolving minor issues and direct serious matters to the Advisory Board and Village Board, as needed.)
7. Track and analyze data and provide feedback to Village Board and Advisory Board.
8. Manage the Brockport Welcome Center Volunteer Staff (keep up to date roster, scheduling, substitutes, training, assessments and recruiting).
9. Rotate through the Volunteer Schedules to establish communication with each person.
10. Develop marketing and promotional campaigns.
11. Ensure webpage and social media are up to date.
12. Act as an ambassador, by representing Brockport Welcome Center at regional and local activities.
13. Be proactive in exploring potential improvements to service and procedures.
14. Chair meetings develop an agenda and ensure minutes, with attendance, are taken for all Advisory Board meetings.
15. Provide Village Clerk with schedule of meetings.
16. Provide a written report to the Village Board, annually, on the state of the Brockport Welcome Center and goals.
17. Distribute meeting minutes via email to Advisory Board members and Village Clerk after approved by the Advisory Board.

ii. Assistant Director

1. Works with the Director to assist in fulfillment of all responsibilities.
2. Substitutes in the absence of the Director.
3. Member of the Advisory Board.

iii. Advisory Board

1. Contribute to the establishment of the Standard Operation Procedures, which should be reviewed annually and updated as needed.
2. Develop short- and long-term planning for the Brockport Welcome Center.
3. Conduct an annual operations and services evaluation for the Director's Annual Report to the Village Board.
4. Actively recruit new volunteers and assist them with submission of a Position of Interest form to the Village Clerk.
5. Attend Advisory Board meetings and functions, such as special events at the Brockport Welcome Center and Volunteer gatherings.
6. Support and provide "wise counsel" to the Director and Assistant Director in the performance of their roles and responsibilities.
7. Establish and promote an events calendar.
8. Encourage and support the exploration of new ideas that could improve the operation and service of the Brockport Welcome Center.

VI. VOLUNTEERS

- a. Must submit a Position of Interest form to the Village Clerk and be appointed by the Village Board.
- b. A Volunteer is not limited to residency in the Village of Brockport.
- c. A Volunteer has no term limits and is appointed by the Village Board.
- d. Indicate to the Director their availability for a regular shift and willing to substitute; regular shift only; or substitute only.

- e. Follow the written Standard Operation Procedure on file at the Brockport Welcome Center.

**VILLAGE OF BROCKPORT  
VOLUNTEER with small stipend OPPORTUNITIES**

The Village of Brockport is implementing a re-organization of the Brockport Welcome Center and seeks a Director and Assistant Director to oversee an Advisory Board & volunteer Greeters and report to the Village Board.

Monthly meetings and availability during Canal season (mid-May to mid-October) is required.  
\$2,000 stipend for Director. \$1,000 stipend for Assistant Director.  
No benefits. Minimum age requirement is 18.

Applicant need not be a Village resident.  
Applicant must be computer savvy (email, internet, website, social media).  
Prior experience as a Brockport Welcome Center Greeter is preferred.  
Organizational Chart & Organizational document is available from the Village website.

Submit a position interest form via the Village website: [www.brockportny.org](http://www.brockportny.org)

**Dated:** 3/19/19

**Deadline:** Noon 3/28/19

For posting in Suburban News / Village website / Village Hall / Seymour Library

- o NYCOM Winter Legislative Meeting in Albany 2/10-2/12 – report from Mayor Blackman and Trustee Crane – The following was included in the packet.

**SUNDAY AFTERNOON**

*Policy Committee Meetings, 4-6pm*

Margay is a member of the *Community Revitalization Committee*, which is overseen by Wade Beltramo of NYCOM. There was considerable discussion of the probable legalization of marijuana in NYS, all of which was repeated in more detail in Monday afternoon's session which we both attended.

There was also some discussion of E-bikes which, are currently prohibited on roads and sidewalks, but if approved, municipalities need to be prepared. Pedal assist bikes offer a modest assist and allow the cyclist to go up to 20mph. Throttle e-bikes are faster, up to 30mph, and are preferred by bike delivery riders.

*Energy and Environment Policy Committee meeting attended by Annie.*

Most of the discussion was on Bottle Bill expansion and plastic bag ban. Two issues that will affect our residents, but with no local control. Bottle Bill expansion will require bottle deposits for most beverages except wine and liquor. The goal is to get most glass out of the general recycle stream, and into a dedicated one where it could be handled better. It would be more effective if wine and liquor were included, but those lobbies are too strong. Also, would be more effective if the deposit, which has been five cents since the 1980s, went up to ten cents.

Plastic bag ban is in effect in a few communities. A statewide ban would preempt those local laws. There are some exceptions to the ban, including "to go" and "doggy" bags from restaurants. The ban does not touch plastic straws. It would go into effect sixty days after signing, which is not enough time for many small businesses to dispose of their supply. I believe a minimum order of plastic bags is 5000 bags.

Brief discussion on Environmental Conservation Funding and Superfund. Basically, they exist.

Brief discussion on energy generation, ESCOs and CCAs. Too brief to be useful.

Some attendees expressed need for better regulation of landfills and pesticides, especially residential lawn chemicals.

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**MONDAY AM**

*8:30am Plenary Session on the 2019-20 executive budget (Discussed by Barbara Van Epps, NYCOM Deputy Director). The budget is summarized in the attached handout. The reduction in AIM funding*

may have been the biggest issue and was also dealt with in a Monday afternoon press conference.

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*9:30am Keynote Speaker Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli*

Has interactive local government info on his website, <https://www.osc.state.ny.us>

State economy continues to improve with unemployment rate down, but most new jobs are in NYC and 90% are downstate. Many areas of upstate are still struggling with fewer jobs and fewer people.

Sales tax collection up 5.3 % statewide and up in every region of the state, except the Finger Lakes.

AIM—he has questioned why it is not being increased. Nine of the 10 villages in fiscal stress are losing AIM. Encourages visiting legislators' local offices and talking to them about it.

It is a tough budget year. Tax revenues are down significantly statewide in January, due to Federal tax changes and stock market losses. Next indication of tax revenue will be in April.

According to the congressional Budget Office the Federal deficit is way up and economic growth is projected to decrease. As a result, Federal programs may be cut which will have ripple effects to the local level. He encourages contact with representatives in Congress.

Property taxes—mentioned tax cap. 58% of properties have some type of exemption. Increasing assessment training.

Fiscal Stress monitoring system- an early warning system to prevent municipal bankruptcy and offer increased help.

Pension fund still in very good shape, but December was a tough month.

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*10am Keynote Speaker Attorney General Leticia James*

Zombie homes—Zombie initiative 2.0: \$9M in grants to: improve data collection, partner with landbanks, zombie prevention. Use funds from bank settlement. Application online at AG's website.

Opioids—lawsuit against big Pharma. Supports both law enforcement and healthcare approaches. Narcan. ISTOP tool for health care professionals to prevent. Charging abusive doctors. Organized Crime task force working with local law enforcement.

Environmental issues- Climate change and air quality. NY has some of the strictest air quality regulations. Large part of our pollution comes from other states. Suing EPA. 200 areas of litigation against Federal government for not protecting New Yorkers.

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*11:15am Plenary Session: Federal Issues Update and Census Complete Count*

Irma Diggs, National League of Cities (NLC) -national umbrella organization for NYCOM type organizations. Spoke about small cells needed for 5G networks. FCC's one size fits all rule prevents local control of use of public right of way, and local control of fee structure. NLC opposes rule, is suing FCC. Bill in House to overturn FCC rule. Needs Republican support to get through both houses.

Julie Menin, NYC Census director, and Richard Tobe, governor's office. Spoke about the upcoming Census, especially the citizenship question, which is considered an attempt to suppress the immigrant count. Many Federal programs depend on the Census in the allocation of funding. Under-count could lead to loss of funding for social service programs, infrastructure, schools, etc. Cities would be defunded, and more money shifted to rural states. An under-count in NYS could lead to loss of two seats in Congress and two seats in the Electoral College. Hoping Supreme Court will rule against the question. If not, do not boycott the citizenship question. Also, it is a felony to encourage anyone to not answer a question. Stressed that the census is completely confidential-no information shared with any other governmental agencies.

There will be an outreach campaign, and you will be able to answer the census by phone, online, by mail and on computer kiosks in state agencies.

Jobs will be available, both managers and enumerators, who will go door only to those residences where the census was not done one of the other ways. Jobs will be posted on NYS Dept of Labor website. Good pay and a lot of the work can be done at home. They will hire local people-those who know the area best.



NYS will have a complete count commission with local complete count committees. They will use churches, schools, colleges, community foundations and any other organizations that can help.

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## MONDAY AFTERNOON

### Is Recreational Marijuana Coming to New York? Understanding the Governor's Proposal

[Cannabis legalization was also discussed in Sunday's policy Committee meeting on Community Revitalization; that information has been incorporated here]

The session had two parts (1) Discussion by Brittany Franklin, Senior Legislative Analyst, Massachusetts Municipal Association (2) Assistant Counsels to Governor Cuomo, Axel Bernabe and Jason Starr

#### *Cannabis in Massachusetts*

- ballot issue passed by 53.7% of voters approving recreational cannabis 2016
- law passed 7/17 which set up the regulatory Cannabis Control Commission
- Final Regulations written 3/18
- Applications and first provisional license 4/18
- First two shops opened 11/18

\$4.8 Million in gross sales in first 12 days. By 1/27/19 \$27.9 million aggregate gross sales

Taxes/fees: 6.25% sales tax, 10% excise tax, 5% local option tax, 3% community impact fee

263 applications currently under consideration (half medical, half recreational)

#### *Zoning Issues in Massachusetts*

250 of 300 communities issued temporary moratoriums. 2/3 of vote in town meeting could ban it altogether. Are yes communities and no communities. Communities can allow, can limit, can ban marijuana.

Ways of limiting: to less than 20% of the stores for alcohol drunk off premises (package stores); by type of marijuana (cultivation, labs, dispensaries); to less than the number of medical marijuana establishments.

Where to put dispensaries, etc. outskirts vs. business district. Advise business district; if you ban them to industrial areas (i.e. not as nice a part of town), it suggests marijuana's marginal status.

Signage should not mention marijuana. Cannabis products should not be visible from the window. No one under 21 to be allowed to enter store.

Host/community agreement lays out responsibility on both sides—to be licensed a dispensary has to enter into an agreement with the local community which lays out the responsibilities for both parties (signage, traffic concerns, parking, business procedures, waste, odor control, security, etc.)

6 months before licensing—community outreach meeting. Negotiations have to be done in compliance with open meeting law. Big retailers vs. Mom and Pop operations could be in host agreement.

Brockport should speak with Amherst which has 3 colleges. See <https://www.amherstma.gov/3342/Marijuana--Recreational-Medical>

#### *Cannabis Regulation and Taxation Act (NYS)—overview*

Seen as a three-legged stool addressing: public health and safety, social equity, economic development

Omnibus legislation which creates OCM—Office of Cannabis Management. Would have an executive director and a state cannabis advisory board.

Brought into the law are medical marijuana, its research, dispensing and cultivation; hemp cultivation; adult use of cannabis (recreational marijuana), CBD products. 6 different license types

Envision 600-700 dispensaries in NYS. Counties can opt out as can cities with populations over 100,000.

Local control of dispensaries: only on where they can go (zoning) and hours of operation; signage? [not as generous as Massachusetts re local control]

Social equity issues- some communities have been disproportionately impacted by criminalization. Try to rectify in how licenses are issued.

Economic impact- viable, legal businesses and taxes. Current tax plan does not have any collected taxes going to the municipal level.

Three tiers: production distribution, retail.

Six license types: cultivation, processor, cooperative, distributor, retail, on-site consumption.

Public smoking would be prohibited.

Expunging of arrest records in certain cases

SOME ISSUES: a lot of enforcement issues, including K9; random drug testing for individuals with CDLs, increase in DUIs; codes issues—signage, zoning; unlike Massachusetts, no \$ from sales comes back to local community (2% of tax to county but not all counties share sales taxes with local governments—Monroe County does); Legislature argues that are too many issues to be worked out before budget deadline of April 1. Should be taken out of budget and dealt with as a stand-alone by June. Currently New Jersey is trying to become the 11<sup>th</sup> state to legalize recreational marijuana.

### 3:00pm SOLUTION SESSIONS

(Annie Crane) I attended the Opportunity Zones session, which was not useful, as it turns out we aren't in a designated Opportunity Zone.

(Margay Blackman) I attended the latest on the New Sexual Harassment Prevention Law This session was put on by NYMIR, our insurance people. Training for all employees and elected officials must be completed by October 2019. Their PowerPoint is being made available to all municipalities. HR Works will be doing the sexual harassment training for us.

Encouraging Women to seek elected office—an invited roundtable for women mayors to discuss how to encourage more women in public office which Margay attended. We exchanged information from our municipalities and discussed how NYCOM might take on this issue and offer assistance. Brockport seems unusual having had 4 women mayors since 1997. However, Brockport's first woman trustee was only elected in 1965.

**TUESDAY AM**—Tuesday was lobby day at the state capitol and we had scheduled an appointment with Senator Robert Ort to discuss some issues of concern (AIM funding and marijuana legislation among others) and to seek funding for much needed work at Corbett Park. Ort had other committee meetings so we met with Kevin Crumb, his chief of staff. Our request for Corbett Park funding is attached to this report.

**Tuesday Afternoon**— At the Albany train station on way back – ran into Assemblywoman Jamie Romeo. In addition to social conversation, discussed AIM funding and marijuana legalization, specifically the need for local governments to get a share of the collected taxes. She thinks marijuana will be pulled out of the budget, as the Legislature would like more time to discuss all the issues involved. It will probably be legalized later in the year.

### VILLAGE BOARD REPORTS:

- o Mayor Margaret B. Blackman
  - Mayor Blackman provided the following report:

Coffee with the chief (6<sup>th</sup>) continues to draw a few residents and students first Wednesday morning of every month. Senator Ort had a town hall meeting in Ogden on March 8<sup>th</sup> which I attended. Was mostly Ogden residents along with several local elected officials. When the Q and A lingered too long on abortion and vaccination, some of us elected officials turned it back to matters impacting local governments. Budget still in process; the Senate and assembly came out with their one house budgets this week, so we will see what gets resolved by April 1. I presented the senator with a letter urging him to support the inclusion of AIM funding in the budget and to push for tax and fee \$ from marijuana sales to come to local municipalities should the omnibus marijuana bill be passed.

Met with a second landscape architect to gather ideas for Market Street streetscaping (7<sup>th</sup>). We're awaiting a cost estimate for the work.

Another issue we are facing as a municipality is small cells and 5G which will bring better, faster wireless connectivity to everyone but which also gives wireless providers access to our ROW to install cells on utility poles. The FCC in January issued new regulations that apply across the US re securing cell sites and fee structures. Communities will have control primarily over aesthetic considerations and need to have local laws in place re same. Some of us sat through a webinar put on last week re same, and we have already been approached by Verizon about having a meeting with us. April 15 appears to be the deadline for coming up with policy, although the regulation is currently tied up in litigation. We will need advice and direction from Attorney Mastrella about proceeding.

On Friday the 15<sup>th</sup> 14 residents and some of us in village government followed the lead of the women who gathered that day on the steps of the Supreme Court to celebrate Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg's 86<sup>th</sup> birthday by planking like RBG.

- o Trustee/Deputy Mayor John D. LaPierre (excused)
- o Trustee Annette M. Crane
  - Trustee Crane provided the following report:

While at NYCOM, I elected to attend the presentation on legalizing marijuana, rather than the one on 5G Small Cell technology, in part because I has attended the session on Small Cells last year. Had I known that marijuana legalization would be taken out of the budget and the Small Cells issue would be before us within a few weeks, I would probably have made the other decision. I did sign up for the webinar on the subject produced by American City & County, sponsored by CommScope, knowing that I could not watch it live, and would have to watch it later. I have watched parts of it, and plan to watch the rest. It is very informative but needs to be watched with the caveat that it is sponsored by part of the telecom industry. I do plan to finish watching. We will need to create code that will appropriately regulate the placement and aesthetics of the small cells, while embracing this new technology.

I also participated with Mayor Blackman and others in "planking with RBG" last Friday. It was fun, and celebrated the birthday of a Supreme Court Judge who at age 86 is much better at doing her exercise routine than I am.

- o Trustee Shawn Halquist
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- o Trustee Katherine J. Kristansen
  - Trustee Kristansen provided the following report:

March 5<sup>th</sup>...I attended the BISCO meeting as liaison. Discussion centered around BISCO business and the 2019 Brockport Arts Festival.

March 6<sup>th</sup>...I attended the Brockport Merchants Association meeting. Planning continued for the BMA year's events. Jimmy Z has donated \$300 towards the hanging baskets on Main Street. Approximately 30 baskets are needed, BMA is asking the community (residents, store owners, businesses, etc.) to "sponsor" a basket at \$15 per basket. If interested, please contact me or Judy Andrew (President of BMA) ASAP.

March 7<sup>th</sup>...I met with Mayor Blackman, DPW Supervisor Donahue and Sue Steele, a landscape architect to discuss moving forward regarding the trees, sidewalk, etc. on Market Street. Ms. Steele will be presenting a proposal soon.

March 14<sup>th</sup>...I met with Art Appleby to discuss continued planning of the 2019 Brockport Arts Festival. My role currently is liaison, consultant and vendor recruitment to the BAF committee.

Also, paid a visit to the BPD offices...spent a few minutes talking with Chief Cuzzupoli who showed me the improvements to the offices...looks great!

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** none

**ADJOURNMENT:**

→ At 8:48pm, Trustee Kristansen moved, Trustee Crane seconded, carried 4/0 that the meeting be adjourned.

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Leslie Ann Morelli, Village Clerk  
from notes of Erica L. Linden, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer